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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :

Administrative Action

LAQUELLA L. JOHNSON, LPN License #26NP05943500

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of a written petition from Laquella L. Johnson, LPN ("Respondent") to reinstate her license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. By Final Order of discipline filed on February 20, 2015, Respondent's license to practice was suspended until she provided proof of continuing education for the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 and June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2015 biennial periods. The Final Order also imposed a reprimand and five hundred dollars (\$500) in civil penalties relating to continuing education violations, a conviction, and

engaging in conduct that constitutes a crime or offense adverse to the practice of nursing (taking merchandise from store without paying). The Final Order had been finalized by default after Respondent failed to respond to a Provisional Order of Discipline that was mailed to the address she had provided to the Board.

In her petition for reinstatement, Respondent acknowledges that she had changed her address and failed to notify the Board of her new address. Respondent also demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she completed 60.5 hours of continuing education within the biennial renewal period of June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2015. Respondent can apply 30 of those hours to cure the deficiency of the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 biennial period. Lastly, Respondent submitted a check in full payment of the civil penalties imposed by the Final Order of Discipline.

The Board has determined that Respondent has complied with the terms of the Final Order of Discipline and that her license should be reinstated. The Board has, therefore, determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 17th day of August, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing in New Jersey shall be granted after Board review and approval of a reinstatement application from Respondent, including fees, and a criminal history background check, if required.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President